



California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Coast Region



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NOTICE OF POSTING

OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO COMMENTS POSTED

For The

Consideration of Adoption of
City of Salinas Storm Water Management Plan

Required for partial satisfaction

For

City of Salinas Municipal Storm Water Discharges,
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit
Water Quality Order No. 2004-0135-DWQ

IMPORTANT: WRITTEN TESTIMONY IS DUE 5:00 PM, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2007

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A copy of this Notice, the Storm Water Management Plan and required revisions and public comments received on such documents, and all submissions to the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) may be reviewed and copied at the office of the Water Board, **895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo 93401**, on weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., and will be posted to <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/>.

For additional information regarding this Notice, please contact **Donette Dunaway at: (805) 549-3698**, ddunaway@waterboards.ca.gov, or Dominic Roques at: (805) 542-4780, droques@waterboards.ca.gov. For legal questions, please contact Regional Board legal counsel **Frances McChesney** at (916) 341-5174. Please bring this notice to the attention of any persons known to you who would be interested in this matter.

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On February 11, 2005 the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) adopted Waste Discharge Requirements for City of Salinas Municipal Storm Water Discharges (Order No. R3-2004-0135, hereinafter referred to as the "Permit"). The City of Salinas (City) is required to update their Storm Water Management Program (SWMP), and implement the SWMP to meet Permit requirements.

California Environmental Protection Agency

Notice of Posting
City of Salinas SWMP adoption

The City's Draft SWMP was posted on October 2, 2007 to the Water Board website (address given above) for public review and comment. The Draft SWMP posting notice included the SWMP adoption process listed below.

This posting notice is to allow for a 15-day posting to fulfill item number four in the SWMP adoption process, reproduced below. Water Board staff have posted all of the received comments on the SWMP to the Water Board website, <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/>. **At this time, the City and the public are invited to respond only to posted comments on the draft SWMP. Response comments are due to the Water Board by 5:00 pm on Thursday, December 20, 2007.**

The SWMP adoption process is as follows:

1. This notice, the June 2007 SWMP and the table of required revisions, will be posted on the Water Board website, <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/> for a 60-day public review and comment period.
2. The scope of the current review and comment period addresses only the components addressed within the June 2007 version of the Stormwater Management Plan document (including Appendices). The Stormwater Management Plan contains the City's current and upcoming Best Management Practices descriptions and plans for implementation.
3. All comments (including the City's if they wish to comment), legal argument, written evidence and expert testimony, must be received by the Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 3, 2007.
4. **Water Board staff will electronically post all comments that are received during the 60-day comment period. After all timely comments are posted, Water Board staff will initiate and notify all interested persons of a 15-day period during which the City or any other person may submit written responses to posted comments. During the 15-day period, commenters may only respond to posted comments; this is not an opportunity to provide new, late comments.**
5. Water Board staff will respond to all substantive written comments after the end of the 15-day period described in item 4, above.
6. Any person may request that the Water Board hold a hearing to consider SWMP approval. If no hearing is requested, the Executive Officer will approve or reject the SWMP after considering all comments. Hearing requests must be received by Monday, December 3, 2007 and must briefly describe the issues the requestor will address at the hearing. The Water Board may limit the scope of the hearing to issues raised in the request.

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7. If a hearing is requested, the SWMP will be presented for adoption at the **February 8, 2008** hearing before the Water Board. The City and interested persons are invited to attend the hearing to express their views on approval of the SWMP.
8. Written material received after the applicable deadlines will not be considered or become part of the record, unless the Water Board Chair rules that exclusion would create a hardship and that no party (including the Water Board) will be prejudiced by the late submission. The Chair will rule at or before the hearing. Late submissions that consist of evidence (as opposed to policy statements or comments) will generally be deemed prejudicial unless all parties have time to consider the evidence before the February 8, 2008 meeting.

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